

Election/Restrictions

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims

Applicant had inadvertently includes a longitudinal groove as well as the primary section and linear segment in claim 1. As one can see from paragraph 0024 in the Application, the primary section and linear segment constitute an option to the longitudinal groove:

[0024] Optionally, rather than having the longitudinal groove **14**, the cylindrical rod **8** comprises, as shown in FIG. 3, a primary section **101** and a linear segment **102** releasably attached to the primary section **101**. Releasable retention of the linear segment **102** is preferably accomplished with a fastener **103** such as a screw or bolt, one or more apertures **104** in the linear segment **102**, and one or more mating apertures **105** in the primary section **101**.

Accordingly, the longitudinal groove has been eliminated from claim 1.

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In case no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, Applicant has elected to prosecute the invention of species II, which is portrayed in Figure 3 and has both a primary section and a linear segment, upon which claims 1 through 16 are readable.

Claim 1 includes a primary section and a linear segment; claims 2 through 16 all depend upon claim 1; and, although the specification discloses a longitudinal groove, the longitudinal groove is not, after the amendment to claim 1 discussed above, present in any claim.

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